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1. Reference is made to your request dated 4 August 1972 concerning Subject. The files of this Office contain the following information concerning Subject obtained in the course of his interrogation by the 7707 European Command Intelligence Center.

3. Due to his past experience as a salesman in Spain, Subject was sent to Spain by the Criminal Police on 1 October 1936. Ostensibly, he was traveling as a private citizen on a two-year leave to study the Spanish police and courts system and to perfect his knowledge of the people and language. However, his real assignment was to act as an informal observer for the German Criminal Police. While in Spain, Subject established contact with the commander of the Guardia Civil, with a regional chief of the Spanish Intelligence Service (SIPM - Servicio de Informacion Politico-Militar), and with the director of a German company in Spain. Through these people he developed further

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contacts and was soon working in close collaboration with high-ranking members of Franco's police and intelligence organizations.

4. Subject was given free hand in his studies of Spanish law enforcement agencies and received the full cooperation of every Spanish agency with which he came in contact. He worked very closely with the SIFM in attempting to counter the influence of the Third International which was being directed from the USSR. In the latter part of 1937, he became seriously ill with undulant fever and was unable to continue his association with the Spanish Nationalists. He finally returned to Germany in February 1938.

5. After his recuperation period ended, Subject was assigned as Kriminalkommissar to the Criminal Police in Karlsbad, Sudeten in November 1938. He was later transferred in February 1940 to Kassel, Germany, where he was accepted into the Gestapo with the rank of Kriminalrat and the equivalent Schutzstaffel (SS) rank of Sturmabfuhrer. Following a course in sabotage prevention at the Fuehrerschule in Berlin, Subject served at the Gestapo headquarters in Breslau, Germany.

6. While serving in Breslau, he came to the attention of Walter SCHELLENBERG, who, as chief of Amt VI of the Main Office of Reich Security (RSHA), was attempting to recruit for his foreign intelligence section of the RSHA. SCHELLENBERG brought Subject to Berlin and placed him in charge of the Iberian section of Amt VI in February 1942. In early 1943, during the visit of Brigadefuehrer Johannes BERNHARDT, director of the Sofindus firm in Spain, SCHELLENBERG agreed to send Subject to Spain to gather political intelligence using BERNHARDT's Sofindus organization as a cover.

7. Subject worked at various police and intelligence tasks in Spain until the end of World War II. He, subsequently, was employed by a Spanish Service as an advisor in the investigation of Bolshevik subversive activities in Spain.

8. On the basis of Subject's work against the Communists in Spain, the Spanish authorities hoped to convince the Allies that he should not be returned to Germany. At the insistence

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of the Allies, however, he was arrested on 17 August 1946 and repatriated to the United States zone of Germany. After his interrogation, it was recommended that Subject be evacuated to a civilian internment camp to face denaturalization proceedings and eventual internment as an automatic arrestee.

9. For additional information concerning Subject, you are referred to Department of State despatch number 23,863 dated 23 June 1945, subject: Transitting Repatriation Lists for certain Eastern Hemisphere countries, from the American Embassy in London, England.

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